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1. Early in April 1952 in the Leiyang (112-50, 26-26) Hsien area, the Chinese Communists, to aid in coping with anti-Communist guerrillas, established a telephone communication system which connected all sixteen villages and one town in the hsien. In case of an emergency, village and town chiefs can be notified and brought together within twelve hours, and in case of guerrilla attack, within twelve hours hsien authorities can dispatch reinforcements to the most distant village. The guerrillas, under LIU I-lung (0491, 5065, 7893), have cut telephone wires and menaced the Communists in every way possible.
2. In April the hsien government, in order to expedite the movement of reinforcements, made plans to build roads leading to all villages. One straight thoroughfare had already been built running from north to south across Leiyang City and connecting with the road junction at Tsao't'oushih (3501, 7333, 1579) between Hengyang (112-35, 26-56) and Ch'enhsien (112-59, 25-18).¹
3. Two large piers for boat anchorage and for loading and unloading have been built near the Leiyang railroad station.
4. In Leiyang Hsien, furniture, books, and equipment of the Heng P'ing (5899, 1627) School, closed since the last semester in 1950, have been moved to the hsien middle school. The Kuang Hsiang (1684, 3276) Middle School and the hsien normal school have also been closed. The only remaining school is the hsien middle school, which has about seven hundred co-educational students. The educational standards are low and heavy emphasis is placed on Communist indoctrination. Also the moral standards of the teachers and the students are low.

1. Comment: Tsao't'oushih is unlocated. The purpose in building this new thoroughfare is not clear, since the main road from Hengyang to Ch'enhsien runs through the city of Leiyang; but presumably a shorter road was built to by-pass the center of the city.

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